

Stephanie Kost

From: Charles Werling [adt2cw@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2003 8:32 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

November 21, 2003

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
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Sincerely,

Charles Werling
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USA

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From: Daniel Loscher [h3rb@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2003 10:17 PM
To: KAQuinn
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November 20, 2003

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Sincerely,

Daniel Loscher
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USA

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From: Sharon Sobel [sharon@picturethisvideo.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2003 2:46 PM
To: Commissioner Adelstein
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Sincerely,

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USA

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From: Mermel [mermel@psu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2003 12:31 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: The Broadcast Flag

Dear Commissioners,

I find your decision to require the broadcast flag recognition in digital devices troubling. I have read some of the reasons that you have decided to do this: television video will go the way music has gone with file sharing, and shows will not be able to be sold for syndication.

On the first point, I believe that is comparing apples with oranges. File sharing has been blamed for declining CD sales, but you do not here anything about radio stations complaining that listeners are declining. If the RIAA stood on the street giving away CD's I doubt they would have seen a decline in the advent of file sharing. People like seeing the shows as soon as they are on. For example, last year I missed several episodes of 24 because I had other engagements. I was so anxious to see it; I would have to wait 6 days until they replayed it on FX or wait 2 days until I could find a good copy online.

Trust me if I could have watched it when it was first on it would have saved me a lot of anxious waiting. I think it would have been quite beneficial for FOX to have put a copy on their website that you could stream after the original show was over. They could leave in the commercials (though I suspect you have some rules governing online commercial, I think those are the rules that should be changed) and I think it would only increase their viewer ship and commercial revenue. I do believe this will happen sometime soon, when bandwidth costs decrease.

The only negative thing I could see would be declining sales of DVD's of the television shows, but I do not know how severe that would be. For example, I have all of the Family Guy episodes on my computer, and I know several other people who have the same. Yet I am still requesting the DVD's as presents for the holiday season because I want to see the extras. The Family Guy DVD's are the highest selling television show DVD's this year and the 4th highest of all time, yet I would say that Family Guy is one of the most popular shows to be traded online, behind maybe the Simpsons. If the file sharing hurt DVD sales, then the Family Guy DVD's would not be selling so well.

On to your second point, I would like to use the Family Guy example again. As I said before, I have all of the Family Guy's on my computer, but I still watch the Cartoon Network every weeknight at 11:30 to watch Family Guy. The same argument could be made that DVD sales of old television shows would hurt syndication. But if this were the case, I doubt Cartoon Network would advertise the Family Guy DVD's on just about every night. They realize that the more DVD sales, the more exposure, and the more people that are going to watch Cartoon Network each night.

The fault in this argument is a misconception about why most Americans watch television. Television is not equitable with on demand media. This is why people flip channels. They know they want to watch TV they just do not know what they want to watch on TV. I would argue that most people who watch TV at any given time, own some video or DVD, that if it were on TV they would watch that instead. Yet people still watch TV rather than popping in that DVD. As much as people say they do not like commercials, they secretly need them to keep them watching the TV. TV is relaxing and something you can watch even if you are doing something else. When watching a movie with no commercials, people won't read the newspaper or do their homework at the same time. While I do see on demand television becoming more available, I see it being used for watching specific shows that you missed. I do not see flipping channels going the way of the RIAA's profits from exploiting musicians. People enjoy flipping channels.

I do not know how long you have been working at the FCC, but I think the arguments for the broadcast flag is clearly analogous to the arguments against the VCR decades ago. It was argued that they would decrease movie sales and television viewer ship, yet all it has done is increase the amount of people that watch movies through rentals and purchases, and increase the amount of people that could watch their favorite show even if they were not at home at the time it was shown.

While I realize that the networks do not have the technology as of yet to show their programs on demand, I think that the sharing of shows online can only help the television networks in producing more awareness, and hence more viewer ship of their shows. And finally, anything that Jack Valenti praises you on, you should immediately become wary that you have made an egregious error.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kost

From: M. G. Christensen [mgchristensen@centurytel.net]
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2003 10:03 AM
To: Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commissioner Adelstein
Subject: Preserve fair use rights please

Commissioners,

Please reconsider your November 4, 2003 decision regarding the inclusion of a broadcast flag in DTV signals. The use of a broadcast flag will give even more power to already powerful interests. Use of the broadcast flag will also, I believe, lead to the elimination of my fair use rights such as time shifting, rights upheld by the courts.

There will always be a tension between various economic interests, with ordinary people caught in the middle. Please side with ordinary people. Please don't penalize ordinary people for the sins of the very few. Please reverse your decision to require use of the broadcast flag.

Respectfully,
M. G. (Michael) Christensen
paper mail to:
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Olalla, WA 98359

Stephanie Kost

From: Eamonn Keane [emkeane@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2003 9:52 AM
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Subject: I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

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Sincerely,

Eamonn Keane
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USA

Stephanie Kost

From: syber [syber@atlantic.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2003 11:15 AM
To: Michael Copps; Commissioner Adelstein
Subject: What's more important

While all five commissioners supported the order, the two Democrats on the five-member panel, Jonathan Adelstein and Michael Copps, raised some objections.

"The broadcast flag should be about protecting digital content, not about tracking Americans' viewing habits," Copps said. "Protecting personal privacy is too important to leave to chance."

While protecting person privacy is important you better look again. Ownership of personal property is equally important.

You have allowed Directv has send 100,000 letters demanding personal "legally owned" property. Smart Card programmers are legal to own and to use! Courts have ruled on this. You (FCC)continue to permit letters to be mailed incorrectly telling people they are illegal and allow them to continue to demand the legally owned property. Next week I'm going to send you a letter demanding your car because you may use it in a hit and run.

So don't talk about upholding personal privacy rights when you stand by and permit the unlawful demand under threats and seizure, from a private company, property which people lawfully own.

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From: Lorenzo Piacenza [piacenzap@scarab.aces.uiuc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2003 10:50 AM
To: Commissioner Adelstein
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Sincerely,

Lorenzo Piacenza
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USA

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From: Nathaniel Wilson [ten_alarm@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2003 10:25 AM
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Sincerely,

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USA

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From: Benjamin Scott [benscott_fl@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2003 12:59 AM
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Sincerely,

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USA

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From: Jerome Yaklic [jyaklic@usa.net]
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2003 8:05 PM
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USA

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From: Ronald Feinstein [Ronjane@cableone.net]
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2003 11:11 AM
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Sincerely,

Ronald Feinstein
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Cottonwood, AZ 86326
USA

Stephanie Kost

From: Roberta Johnson [cytmom@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2003 11:28 PM
To: KAQuinn
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From: T.R. Piller [trpiller@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2003 5:36 PM
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From: Carl Szabo [szabo@dls.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2003 8:01 PM
To: KAQuinn
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USA

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From: Steve Ketelsen [sven@ketelsen.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2003 7:09 PM
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From: Michael Ruggiero [mike@mikeruggiero.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2003 4:07 PM
To: Commissioner Adelstein
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From: Gregory Droege [gdroege@thayerlodging.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2003 10:43 AM
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Sincerely,

Gregory Droege
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USA

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From: Lou Roossien [LRoossien@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2003 10:12 AM
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Lou Roossien
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USA

Stephanie Kost

From: bradley e [eizner23@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 11:09 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: HDTV Copyright solution

Hello Mr Copps,

Im writing to let you know how negative the results would be if digital broadcast material was flagged. Not only does that hamper most local digital broadcaster from switching to digital, it will create havoc among the digital community, and hackers will only help guide us through the mess and piss you guys off more (who needs the extra stress?). Our economy doesnt need this either... people wanting to tape the HD local news on there betamaxs will be out of information. This is going to suppress information being transitted through public airwaves and leave too much room for corporate advertising flooding the airwaves. This will drive people away from wanting to deal with the corporate television takeover. Leave it open to the people and leave out the restriction of replication, we all cant be there in front of the TV all the time, I want to not feel guilty watching something an hour later.

Please take this to heart.

Bradley Eisner
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From: Lem Dermid [ldermid@mchsi.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 10:20 PM
To: Michael Copps
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 6:37 PM
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